

Sinclair
Broadcasting's
decision to force
their stations to
air an anti-Kerry
documentary days
before the election
is a clear example
of the dangers of
media consolidation.

Political
Advertisements
should be
characterized as
such, so that the
voter clearly knows
when he or she is
being subjected to
propaganda.

Disguising political
propaganda as "news"
is certainly
unethical and
probably illegal.

Sinclair uses the
public airwaves free
of charge, and is
obligated by law to
serve the public
interest. But when
large companies
control the
airwaves, we get
more of what's good
for the bottom line
and less of what we
need for our
democracy. Instead
of something
produced at "News
Central" far away,
it's more important
that we see real
people from our own
communities and more
substantive news
about issues that
matter.

I intend to work for
legislation to
prevent the
concentration of
media ownership in
the hands of
partisan
corporations, which
seek to deprive
citizens of fairness
in news.

Sinclair's actions

show why we need to
strengthen media
ownership rules, not
weaken them. They
show why the license
renewal process
needs to involve
more than a returned
postcard. Thank you.